

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A computerized method comprising:
 - detecting, by a custom settings manager, a coupling of a consumer device to a network;
 - remotely identifying a presumed user corresponding to an implied owner of the consumer device;
 - provisioning a user service available in the network according to user preferences associated with the identified presumed user; and
 - configuring a shared network access device according to the user preferences, wherein the shared network access device is accessible by the consumer device and by another device coupled to the network.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the consumer device includes the user service.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifying comprises identifying the user by user usage patterns.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifying is determined by examining other devices and services on the network.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifying comprises identifying a user who has most recently used the consumer device.
7. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising unloading another service according to the user preferences.
8. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising loading

the service according to the user preferences of the identified user.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifying comprises querying a data store which associates a set of consumer devices and identities of users of the set of consumer devices.

10. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having executable instructions to cause a machine to perform a method comprising:

detecting, by a custom settings manager, a coupling of a consumer device to a network;

remotely identifying a presumed user corresponding to an implied owner of the consumer device;

provisioning a user service available in the network according to user preferences associated with the identified presumed user; and

configuring a shared network access device according to the user preferences, wherein the shared network access device is accessible by the consumer device and by another device coupled to the network.

11. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the consumer device includes a service.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the identifying comprises identifying the user by user usage patterns.

14. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the identifying is determined by examining other devices and services on the network.

15. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the identifying comprises identifying a user who has most recently used the consumer device.

16. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium as set forth in claim 10, further comprising unloading another service according to the user preferences.

17. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium as set forth in claim 10, further comprising loading the service according to the user preferences of the identified user.

18. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the identifying comprises querying a data store which associates a set of consumer devices and identities users of the set of consumer devices.

19. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

- a consumer device;

- a shared network access device coupled to the consumer device;

- a user profile comprising user preferences of a presumed user associated with an implied owner of the consumer device; and

- a custom setting manager that, in response to the device being coupled to a network, remotely identifies the user of the device, accesses the user profile, provisions a user service available in the network, and configures the shared network access device according to the user preferences, wherein the shared network access device is accessible by the consumer device and by another device coupled to the network.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19 wherein the user is associated to the consumer device by user usage patterns.

21. (Original) The system of claim 19 wherein the user is associated to the consumer device by examining the other devices and services on the network.

22. (Original) The system of claim 19 wherein the user is associated to the last user of the consumer device.

23. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the user profile further comprises: an association between the user and the consumer device.

24. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising: a user manager to detect when the consumer device is coupled.

25. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

- a network;

- a shared network access device coupled to the network;

- a plurality of consumer devices selectively coupled through the network; and

- a custom settings manager configured to remotely identify a presumed user corresponding to an implied owner of the devices, to access user preferences associated with the user, to provision a user service available in the network, and to selectively configure the shared network access device based upon the user preferences, wherein the shared network access device is accessible by the consumer device and by another device coupled to the network.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25 wherein the identifying comprises identifying the user from the user usage patterns.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25 wherein the identifying comprises identifying the user by examining other devices and services currently coupled to the network.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25 wherein the identifying comprises identifying a user who has most recently used the consumer device.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25 further comprising: a user manager that detects a coupling of a consumer device to the network.

30. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the identification is accomplished by

querying a preferences database.

31. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the accessing and configuring are performed by a preference agent.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25 where the plurality of consumer devices includes a service, the service to be identified in the user preferences.